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SUBJ: MODERATE BASQUE OPPOSITION GROUPS CANCEL CELEBRATION
OF "BASQUE NATIONALIST DAY"

1. SPOKESMAN FOR THE PNV (BASQUE NATIONALIST PARTY)
ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY, APRIL 13, THAT THE DEMONSTRATION CALLED
TO CELEBRATE A "BASQUE NATIONALIST DAY" THIS COMING EASTER
SUNDAY IN PAMPLONA HAD BEEN CANCELLED. THE DECISION WAS TAKEN AT
A MEETING IN BAYONNE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VARIOUS BASQUE
OPPOSITION ORGANIZATIONS. THE REASON GIVEN WAS THE DANGER THAT
THE ASSEMBLY COULD RESULT IN VIOLENCE AND CASUALTIES. THE PNV
HAD EARLIER CONDEMNED THE MURDER OF KIDNAP VICTIM ANGEL
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BERAZADI BY ETA TERRORISTS AND THIS DECISION TO CANCEL

THE CELEBRATION OF THE BASQUE NATIONALIST DAY (REPORTEDLY, THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE VARIOUS BASQUE OPPOSITION GROUPS HAD BEEN ABLE TO AGREE ON A COMMON SITE FOR THE ASSEMBLY) UNDERLINES THEIR CONSTERNATION AT THE ETA ACTION.

2. AT THE SAME TIME, "ABC" (MONARCHIST) EDITORIALY CONGRATULATED THE GOVERNMENT ON ITS SUCCESSFUL POLICE ACTION AGAINST ETA, WHICH WAS ACHIEVED WITHOUT RECOURSE TO METHODS "WHICH IN THE PAST HAD DEMONSTRATED THEIR INEFFECTIVENESS SUCH AS THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EXCEPTION."
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